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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached modified PTO Form 1449 and the copies of those documents presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/709,427 filed September 6, 1996, by Lindsay et al. for "PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HIGH-BULK TISSUE WEBS USING NONWOVEN SUBSTRATES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/129,814 filed August 6, 1998, by Burazin et al. for "ROLLS OF TISSUE SHEETS HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/705,684 filed November 3, 2000, by Lindsay for "IMPROVED DEFLECTION MEMBERS FOR TISSUE PRODUCTION."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/706,149 filed November 3, 2000, by Lindsay for "THREE-DIMENSIONAL TISSUE AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME."



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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/748,587 filed December 22, 2000, by Burazin et al. for "PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK AND VISUAL AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT OF A TISSUE BASESHEET."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/750,407 filed October 25, 2001, by Friedbauer et al. for "PATTERNED FELTS FOR BULK AND VISUAL AESTHETIC DEVELOPMENT OF A TISSUE BASESHEET."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Additionally, submission of any document is not to be taken as an admission of the materiality of the document to the prosecution of the present application.

The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

If the Examiner refuses to consider any or all of the herein submitted materials because it is the Examiner's opinion that this Information Disclosure Statement is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner notify the undersigned, in writing, as to the basis of such opinion.

Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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